

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 15, and 26, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for expanding resources available to a first logical partition on a system associated with a client, the method comprising:
associating one or more partition resources of the first logical partition with a grid, wherein the grid comprises grid resources comprising the one or more partition resources of the first logical partition and one or more partition resources of one or more second logical partitions, the grid resources being available for use by each of the first logical partition and the one or more second logical partitions;
providing grid resources from the grid to the first logical partition based upon usage of the partition resources of the first logical partition, ~~wherein the grid resources are available to the logical partition;~~ and
providing on-demand resources to the first logical partition based upon the usage of the partition resources of the first logical partition and a usage of the grid resources ~~when the grid resources are available to the logical partition~~, wherein the on-demand resources are available to the system, and access to the on demand resources is controlled by a manufacturer of the system.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising metering a usage of the grid resources and the on-demand resources by the client to determine a cost to assess the client.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein associating the one or more partition resources of the first logical partition comprises enabling allocations from the grid resources to the logical partition.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein associating the one or more partition resources of the first logical partition comprises registering with the

grid at least a portion of partition resources associated with the first logical partition, to allow the portion to be allocated to ~~either~~ the one or more second logical partitions associated with the grid.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing grid resources comprises:
determining an unallocated portion of the grid resources; and
allocating the unallocated portion of the grid resources to the first logical partition.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing grid resources comprises:
determining that use of partition resources of the first partition has at least reached a partition utilization threshold; and
allocating an unallocated portion of the grid resources to the first logical partition.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing on-demand resources comprises:
determining that use of partition resources of the first partition has at least reached a partition utilization threshold;
determining that sufficient resources are unavailable from the grid resources; and
allocating an unallocated portion of the on-demand resources to the first logical partition.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein providing on-demand resources further comprises:
determining that usage of the grid resources has at least reached a grid utilization threshold;
requesting an enablement code to enable the on-demand resources; and
allocating an unallocated portion of the on-demand resources to the first logical partition.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for expanding resources available to logical partitions on a system associated with a client, the method comprising:

registering resources with a grid as grid resources, the grid resources comprising one or more resources from one or more logical partitions, wherein the grid resources are available for use by each of the logical partitions;

allocating grid resources to ~~the~~ a first logical partition after utilization of partition resources ~~by~~ of the first logical partition reaches a first utilization threshold;

allocating on-demand resources to the first logical partition after the first logical partition reaches a second utilization threshold for the grid resources, wherein the on-demand_resources are available to the system, and access to the on demand resources is controlled by a manufacturer of the system; and

billing the client for usage of the on-demand resources.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising billing the client for usage of the grid resources to offset a cost associated with enabling the on-demand resources.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein billing the client for usage of the on-demand resources comprises billing the client for the on-demand resources allocated to the first logical partition based upon actual usage of the on-demand resources.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein billing the client for usage of the on-demand resources comprises billing the client for the on-demand resources allocated to the first logical partition based upon a quantity of the on-demand resources allocated and the amount of time for which the quantity of the on-demand resources are allocated.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for expanding resources available to a logical partition on a system associated with a client of a system having on-demand resources, wherein the on-demand resources are available to the system, and access

to the on demand resources is controlled by a manufacturer of the system, the apparatus comprising:

a grid associator to associate the logical partition with a grid, the grid comprising grid resources comprising one or more resources from each of a plurality of logical partitions of the system, wherein the grid resources are available for use by the logical partition;

a resource monitor coupled with the grid associator to monitor usage of partition resources associated with the logical partition and usage of the grid resources ~~associated with the grid~~, and coupled with the on-demand resources to allocate the grid resources and the on-demand resources to the logical partition based upon utilization thresholds associated with the partition resources associated with the logical partition and the grid resources; and

a resource meter coupled with the resource monitor to determine a first rate associated with an allocation of the on-demand resources to the logical partition for billing the client.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource monitor comprises a resource allocator to allocate an unallocated portion of grid resources to the logical partition when the logical partition utilizes at least a threshold utilization of the partition resources associated with the logical partition.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource monitor comprises a resource allocator to request an enablement code for the on-demand resources and to allocate a portion of the on-demand resources to the logical partition when the logical partition utilizes at least a threshold utilization of the partition resources associated with the logical partition.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource meter tracks usage of grid resources by the logical partition to determine a second rate to charge the client for allocating the grid resources to the logical partition.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource meter comprises a rate determiner to determine the first rate based upon usage of the grid resources by the client, to offset costs associated with enabling the on-demand resources.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource meter comprises a rate determiner to determine the first rate based upon usage of the on-demand resources by the logical partition to at least recoup costs associated with enabling the on-demand resources.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource meter comprises a rate determiner configured to determine the first rate to charge the client based upon an agreement for allocation of the grid resources and the on-demand resources to the logical partition.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource meter comprises a usage log to log allocations of resources to the logical partition to supplement the partition resources associated with the logical partition for charging the client based upon the allocations.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium containing a program which, when executed, performs an operation, comprising:

associating one or more partition resources of a first logical partition on a system with a grid, wherein the grid comprises grid resources comprising the one or more partition resources of the first logical partition and one or more partition resources of one or more second logical partitions, the grid resources being available for use by each of the first logical partition and the one or more second logical partitions;

providing grid resources from the grid to the first logical partition based upon usage of the partition resources of the first logical partition, ~~wherein the grid resources are available to the logical partition;~~ and

providing on-demand resources to the first logical partition ~~on a system~~ based upon the usage of the partition resources of the first logical partition and usage of the grid resources ~~when the grid resources are available to the logical partition,~~ wherein the

on-demand resources are available to the system, and access to the on demand resources is controlled by a manufacturer of the system.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the operation further comprises metering the usage of the grid resources utilized by the first logical partition to determine a cost to assess a client associated with the first logical partition.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the operation further comprises metering the usage of the on-demand resources utilized by the first logical partition to determine a cost to assess a client associated with the first logical partition.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein providing grid resources comprises:
determining that use of partition resources of the first logical partition has at least reached a partition utilization threshold; and
allocating an unallocated portion of the grid resources to the first logical partition.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein providing on-demand resources comprises:
determining that use of partition resources of the first logical partition has at least reached a partition utilization threshold;
determining that sufficient resources are unavailable from the grid resources; and
allocating an unallocated portion of the on-demand resources to the first logical partition.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein providing on-demand resources further comprises:
determining that usage of the grid resources has at least reached a grid utilization threshold;

requesting an enablement code to enable the on-demand resources; and
allocating an unallocated portion of the on-demand resources to the first logical partition.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for managing and controlling allocation of resources ~~of~~ to a logical partition on a system, comprising:

providing grid resources to the logical partition based upon usage of partition resources of the logical partition, wherein the grid resources comprise one or more resources from each of a plurality of logical partitions of the system, the grid resources being available for use by each partition of the system; and

providing on-demand resources to the logical partition based upon the usage of the partition resources of the logical partition and a usage of the grid resources, wherein the on-demand resources are available to the system, and access to the on demand resources is controlled by a manufacturer of the system.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein providing grid resources to the logical partition comprises:

determining that use of partition resources of the logical partition has at least exceeded a partition utilization threshold; and

in response to the determining, allocating the grid resources to the logical partition.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein providing the on demand resources to the logical partition comprises:

determining that use of grid resources has at least exceeded a grid utilization threshold; and

in response to the determining, allocating the on demand resources to the logical partition.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the grid utilization threshold comprises an amount of grid resources used during a predetermined amount of time.

34. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
applying a first fee for use of the grid resources; and
applying a second fee for use of the on-demand resources.
35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of the first fee and the second fee vary based on a factor chosen from the group consisting of a time of day and a time of year.
36. (Currently Amended) A method for deploying a computer application on a host service provider system, comprising:
installing a computer application on a logical partition of a computer system, the computer system having on-demand resources associated therewith, wherein the on-demand resources are available to the system, and access to the on demand resources is controlled by a manufacturer of the system;
associating the logical partition with a grid, the grid having grid resources ~~associated therewith~~ comprising one or more resources from each of a plurality of logical partitions of the system, the grid resources being available for use by any logical partition of the system;
configuring the computer system to provide the grid resources to the logical partition based upon usage of the partition resources of the logical partition; and
configuring the computer system to provide the on-demand resources to the logical partition based upon a usage of the grid resources.
37. (Original) The method of claim 36, further comprising:
applying a first fee for use of the grid resources; and
applying a second fee for use of the on-demand resources.

Please add the following new claims:

38. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing on demand resources to one of the one or more second logical partitions.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the resource monitor is configured to allocate the on-demand resources to any one of the one or more logical partitions of the system.

40. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the operation further comprises providing on demand resources to one of the one or more second logical partitions.